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## *Say CIA sees world oil output slowdown*

Washington (AP) — The CIA is forecasting a slowdown of world oil production and an international scramble for available supplies during the next four years, a specialized petroleum newsletter asserted yesterday.

A spokesman for the CIA was not immediately available for comment on the forecast by London Oil Reports, a weekly newsletter specializing in the international oil industry.

The report said CIA analysts were preparing an unclassified study forecasting a slowdown in the growth of world oil production from as much as 2% annually in recent years to 1% a year or less — possibly stalling at no growth at all.

The report said the CIA pointed out that the situation could be worsened if political opposition prevents the expansion of nuclear power in the United States, or perhaps in Europe.